126. Needs of the Tiruvalla taluk.

MR. M. K. RAMAN PILLAI (*Member, Tiruvalla taluk, Group I*) said that communication on the Tiruvalla-Mavelikara road was not easy for want of bridges and culverts at river crossings. Bridges at Arattukadavu, Panna, Palattankuzhi, Pulikkizh and Manipuzha crossings were urgently required.

Two roads from Chengannur met at Mannar. A road from Haripad reached Viyapuram. The extension of this road to meet the other two roads would put Haripad into direct communication with Chengannur. In view of the proposed railway, it was necessary to improve these roads.

An estimate had been prepared for the Vallamkulam bridge. It should be constructed as early as possible. Bridges at Puvanakkadavu, Peringara and Muttur were also urgently needed and orders might be issued for their construction.

The Tiruvalla-Mepral road was subject to submersion during the rains. The level of the road should therefore be raised. It should also be metalled. The Idinjillam road was a short cut between Tiruvalla and Changanachery. It was in a bad way. The level of this road also should be raised and one or two culverts constructed so as to make it negotiable. The Chengarur *chira* about two furlongs in length on the Tiruvalla-Puvanakkadavu road used to be under water during the rainy season. Communication along the road was not then possible. The *chira* should therefore be raised and a culvert constructed. The road from Tiruvalla to Chakrasalakadavu should be extended as far as Manimala river. The level of the road should also be raised. Again, the road from Mannar to Valiaperumpuzha was sandy and caused serious hardship to passengers and vehicles. It required metalling.

The Mundanari *todu*, a diversion from the Pampa river, coursing through several acres of *punja* land, had become silted up and useless for purposes of irrigation. It should be dredged and made useful again. Similarly, the Mukkattattil *todu* had also become silted up and required dredging in order to be useful once more for irrigating nearly fifty thousand *paras* of paddy fields. The Pampa river was also silted up and had become useless for navigation during the dry season. The improvement of the Muzhikkal *todu* from the Erappuzha bridge to Illimala would avoid the difficulty caused by the silting of the Pampa river. The Mepral *todu* was also silted up from Chathantara bend to Panayar. That section should also be dredged.

A Magistrate's court at Tiruvalla was an urgent need. The Member said he wanted only to remind the Dewan about it as the people of Tiruvalla had already represented to him their grievances in the matter when he visited the place.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Raman Pillai, in regard to the construction of bridges on the Tiruvalla-Mavelikara road, there are *junghar* services in the main river crossing, and I fear, that will have to serve for the present, as the bridges will be very costly and are not as urgent as certain other bridges elsewhere. In regard to the construction of a bridge at Vallamkulam, you know that an estimate for Rs. 64,000 has been sanctioned for the purpose. The work is to be taken up at once and land acquisition proceedings are going on at this moment.

2. In regard to the Idinjillam road from Tiruvalla to Changanachery, funds have been sanctioned. There is a provision for the work this year ; and the work is to be taken up immediately, if not already started.

3. The question of establishing a Magistrate's court at Tiruvalla is engaging the attention of the Government and has been under examination for a little time now; the Government will come to a decision shortly.

4. The other points mentioned in your representation will all receive consideration.

127. Needs of the Tiruvalla taluk.

MR. K. M. MAMMEN MAPPILLAI (*Member, Muncipal Council, Tiruvalla*) said he did not propose to speak at length on the construction of the Kuttapuzha canal and the Tiruvalla-Ambalapuzha road as those matters had already been pressed on the attention of the Government at this session by other Members. In regard to the

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